

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
August 3, 1925.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, Calif., August 3, 1925, and was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Deininger. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Smith, Torrence and Deininger. Absent: Fitzhugh.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 20, 1925, were read and approved as read.

Mr. Klusman complained of the manner in which the last Legion fiesta had been operated.

Trustee Smith moved that hereafter applications for permits for the holding of any street carnival, fair or exposition in the City of Torrance shall be in writing and shall describe the various games and concessions which are to be used or granted. No such permit shall be granted unless such games and concessions shall conform to the requirements of the law.

Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Klusman again brought up the matter of his claim of being overcharged for grading in the alley paving improvement.

Trustee Brooks explained the position of the Board in the matter, and the opinion of the Board as a whole, after Attorney Briney's advise, was that nothing could be done further.

Trustee Brooks reported that Mr. Jessup had told him that the proceedings for paving a portion of Martina Ave. were ready to present, except for some minor details, but that Mr. Jessup could not be here tonight; also that the employee of the City who had been injured was doing well.

Trustee Smith moved that \$150.00 be appropriated to pay the expense of the Fire Chief and one fireman as delegates to the convention at Seattle.

Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Smith, Torrence and Deininger.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

As Trustee Torrence was just back from a vacation, he had no report to make.

On representations from the Clerk that Dr. Bruce did not use his business license for the third quarter and would be unable to use same on account of ill health, Trustee Brooks moved that a refund of \$6.00 be made to Dr. Bruce. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Smith, Torrence and Deininger.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

A discussion arose as to the legality of the above proceeding. Attorney Briney was consulted and Ordinance No. 110 was carefully combed, after which Trustee Brooks moved that the foregoing motion be rescinded as the Ordinance would not allow of such action.

Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Chief Patterson wanted an order to change the street markings to comply with the new parking ordinance.

On Mr. Gascoigne's question, Trustee Brooks and the rest of the Board members thought it would be best to remove all shrubbery except one shrub in each corner of the little park in front of the City Hall.

Attorney Briney reported that he and Mr. Jessup had only one suggestion to make regarding the improving of the crossing from Western Ave. to Sartori, and that was to accept the offer of the P. E. whereby the City would pay some \$7500.00 for their share of the work—the only other alternative being the very costly plan of condemning the right of way from Sartori to Carson Street.

The matter was laid over for two weeks.

Mr. Briney asked for permission to be absent from the next regular meeting.

Mr. Davidson's application for a permit to erect an Oil station was referred back to him for more intelligible plans on motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote

President Deininger stated that several complaints had reached him from merchants concerning the new parking ordinance. It was decided that the ordinance had not been in effect long enough to tell whether same was detrimental or otherwise.

Former Mayor Proctor was called upon for a speech, but refused on the grounds that the present Board was doing well and no comments were necessary.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 114
 REPEALING PORTIONS OF NOS. 41 AND 53

Trustee Smith moved that Ordinance No. 114 be adopted as read for its final reading and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Smith, Torrence and Deininger.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 121
GRANTING FRANCHISE TO THE SHELL CO.

Trustee Smith moved that Ordinance No. 121 be adopted as read for its final reading and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Smith, Torrence and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

Trustee Brooks and President Deininger will look over the damage done to a garage, through the spraying of oil on the alley, on Cota near Carson.

In the matter of the violation of the Building ordinance on Amapola Ave., Trustee Torrence moved that the Building Inspector be instructed to take steps to enforce the ordinance within a reasonable length of time--one week being suggested. Trustees Smith and Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

After a discussion of the pros and cons in re the Earl and Ted restaurant vs. the Brighton Apartments, it was the sense of the Board that the matter should be settled through the landlord instead of the City.

Mr. Proctor mentioned the condition of the East Road between 213th and the viaduct; same was to be looked over.

Trustee Brooks moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Smith, Torrence and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

Trustee Brooks moved to adjourn until 7:30 p.m. August 10, 1925. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A. H. Barrett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

H. J. Deininger
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.